

GET EVERYTHING: JOY

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Week of December 12, 2010

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Read Philippians 1. What do you think of Paul's attitude?

Paul's greatest joy is that the message of Jesus is changing people's lives; so to understand his joy, we need to understand the message of Jesus and how it changes people's lives.

In light of Philippians 2:5-11, what is the message of Jesus?

In light of Philippians 3:4-11, how has the message changed Paul?

In light of Philippians 4:2-19, how should this message change us?

Application

Joy comes when the message of Jesus changes lives.

Have your greatest joys come when you were by yourself or when you were with others?

The three keys to joy in Philippians are:

- Letting the message of Jesus sink in and change you.
- Living in community with others who have been similarly changed.
- Helping the message sink into others.

Have these three been sources of joy in your life? How so?

How are you doing at them?

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